

Below you will find the projects that I submitted to the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations. Of the hundreds of submissions my office received, I believe these will provide the most benefit to the people I am honored to represent of the Nineteenth District of New York.

To make certain that each project meets the most rigorous standards, my office followed a five step process in reviewing applications.

5 Step Process: Step 1: I invited applications from local governments, nonprofits, Fire and Police Departments, and other local organizations that wished to request appropriations in order to ensure that strong ideas emerged from the ground up. My staff worked with groups all across the district to instruct applicants on the proper appropriations procedures and guidelines.

Step 2: Based on written applications, face-to-face meetings, and project tours, I evaluated the projects based on key criteria. Each project must meet at least one of the following criteria before I submit it to the House Appropriations Committee as a funding request. It must:

- create jobs;
- promote local economic development opportunities;
- improve public health and safety;
- protect the environment; or
- promote energy independence

Step 3: I posted these projects on my website when the requests were made to the House Appropriations Committee. My website listing includes an explanation of what each project would do for the 19th District and the reasons for investing federal funds in the district.

Step 4:

I also sent the House Appropriations Committee a letter for each of these projects certifying that I will not benefit financially from any of these requests.

Step 5:

When each appropriations bill comes up for a vote, it will be accompanied by a list identifying each earmark and which members requested it. These lists will be made publicly available ahead of the vote.



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